

Broadband Funding, Infrastructure & Access



PUET Interim Committee

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Utah Broadband Center

Public Utilities, Energy, & Technology
Interim Committee

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THEN: Broadband Outreach Center 2010 – 2018

- **2010 - Awarded 5-year federal grant**
 - Statewide broadband availability map
 - Statewide broadband plan
- **2011 - Established Broadband Advisory Council**
 - Supported stakeholders for broadband infrastructure
- **2018 - Center de-funded; remained active (part-time)**



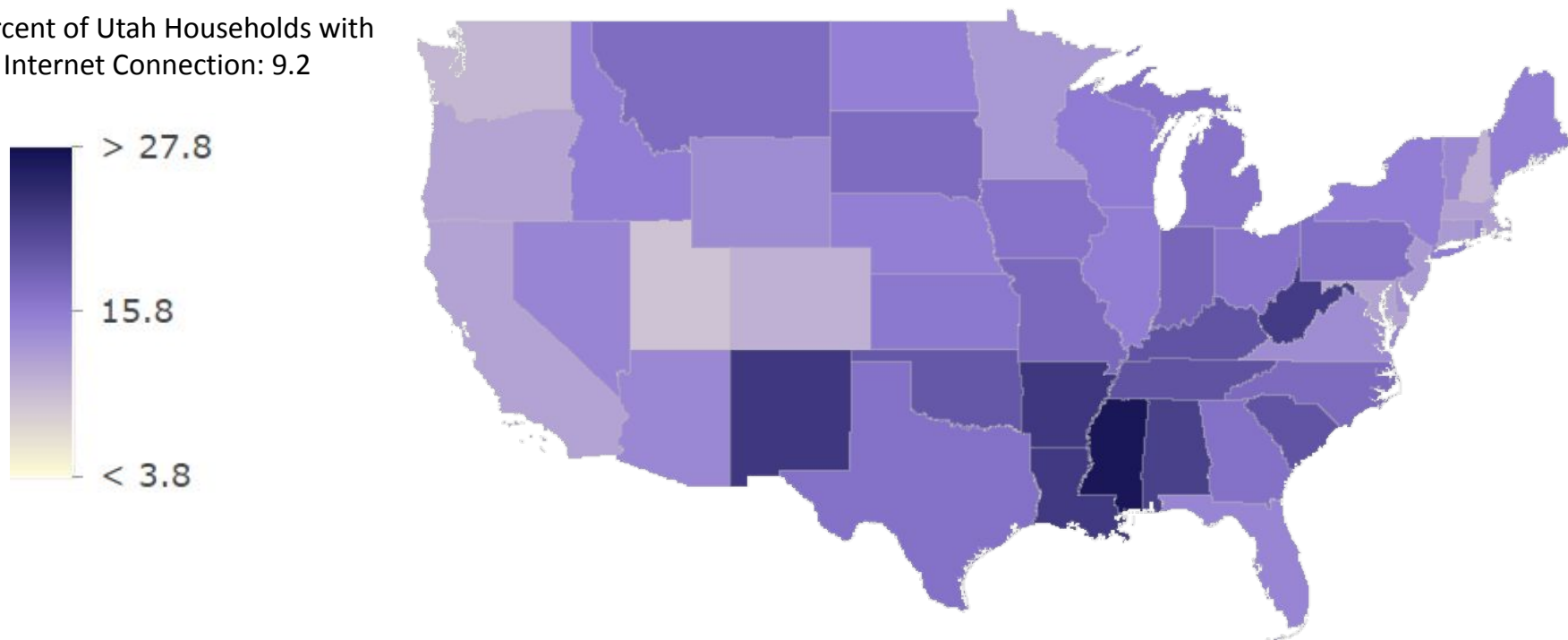
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BROADBAND OUTREACH CENTER
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Internet Connectivity Variables by state

Percent of Utah Households with
No Internet Connection: 9.2



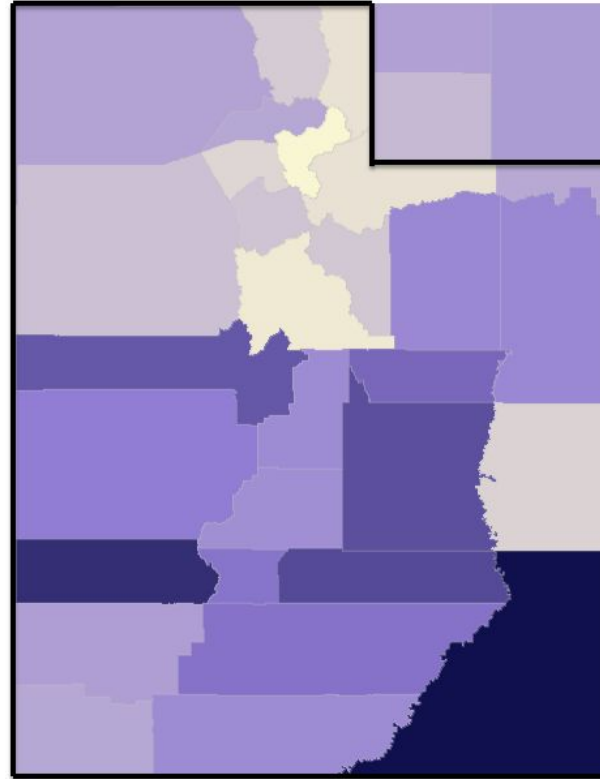
2018 U.S. Census American Community Survey



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Internet Connectivity Variables by County

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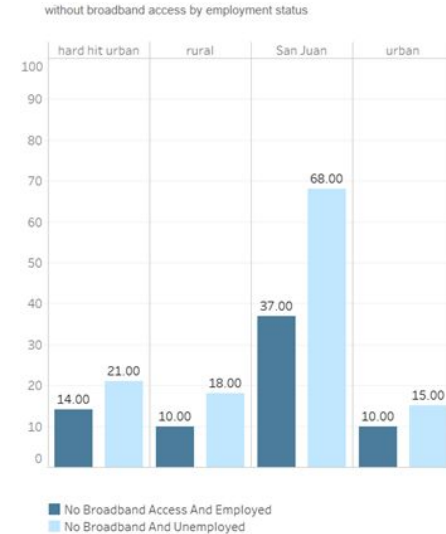


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Utah Statistics Without Broadband Internet

- 10.8% statewide
- 2% more in rural
- 18% urban COVID-19 neighborhoods hard-hit
- 15.8% statewide unemployed
- 47% San Juan County residents
- 78.1% Native Americans in San Juan County


U.S. Census/American Communities Survey - 2018



Broadband - 2020 to TODAY

- Public wifi availability map during Covid-19 *
- Statewide Broadband Initiative
- UDOT Public WiFi I-84/I-80; 158 miles of fiber
- FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit *
- **2021 General Session - Funded Utah Broadband Center**
 - \$200K Director/Administration
 - \$10 million state broadband infrastructure grant

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CONECTÉMONOS

Trabajos, aulas virtuales, servicios de salud y otras oportunidades **lo esperan en línea.**

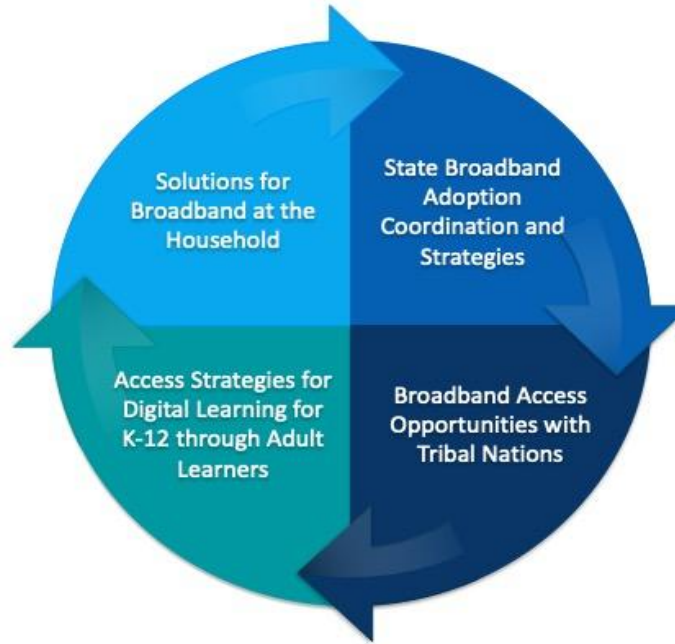
Ahora está disponible la asistencia de Internet en el hogar de hasta **\$50.**

Visite: utahgoed.info/EBB o llame a su proveedor de Internet local para verificar su elegibilidad e inscribirse ahora.



State Broadband Initiative

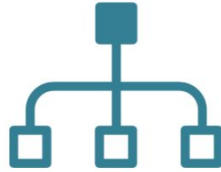
Four Key Cornerstone Strategies



Six Components of Connection



Subscription



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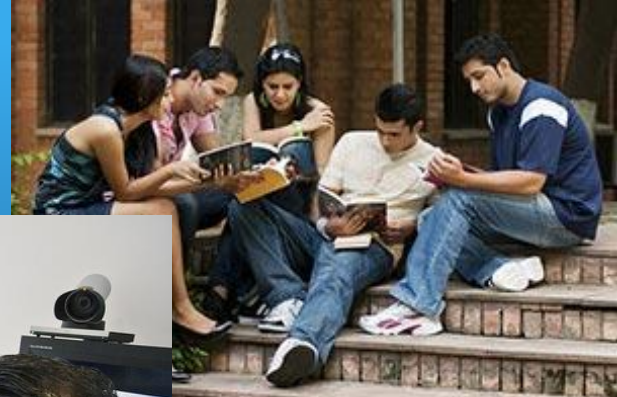
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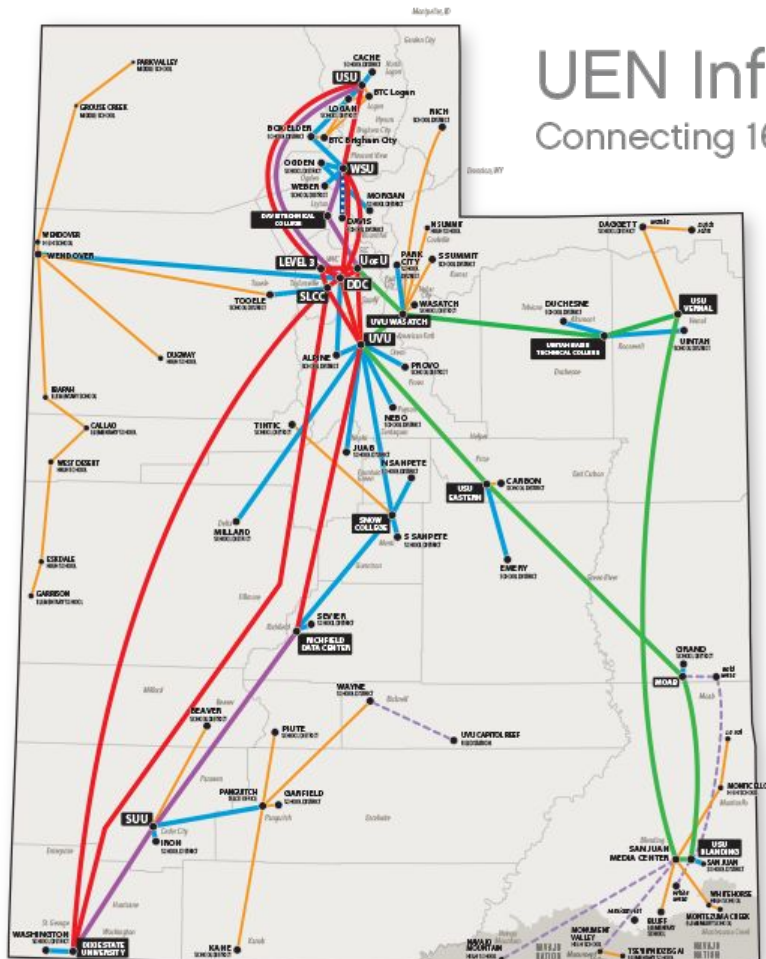


Those whom we serve.



UEN Infrastructure Map

Connecting 1600+ locations throughout Utah



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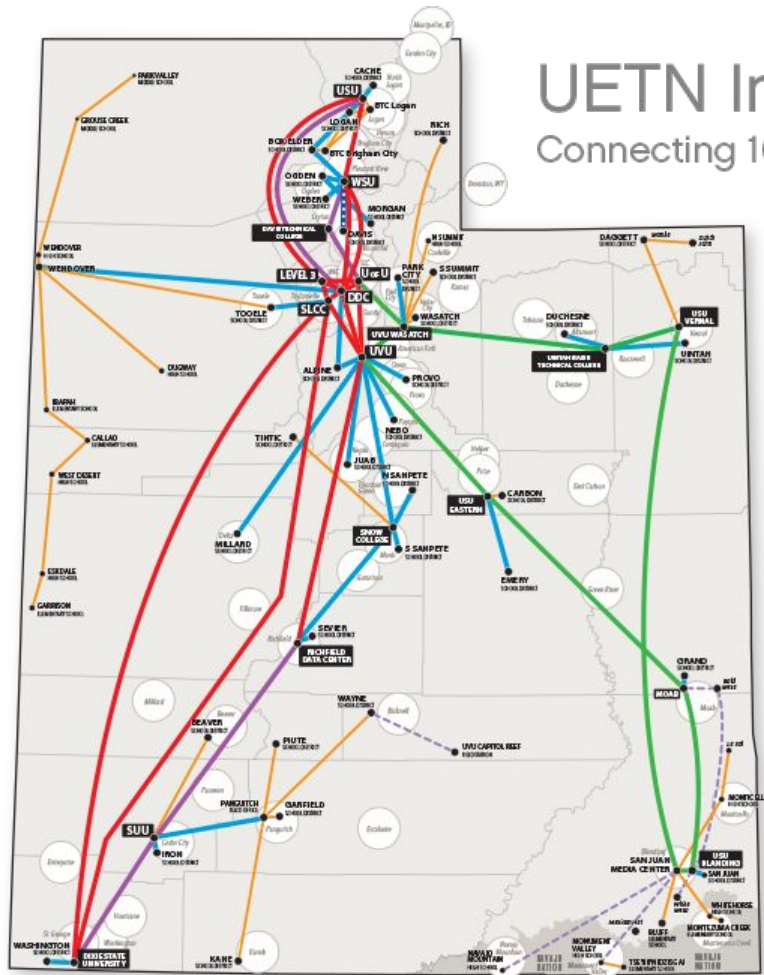
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UTAH TELEHEALTH NETWORK (UTN)

UETN Infrastructure Map

Connecting 1600+ locations throughout Utah



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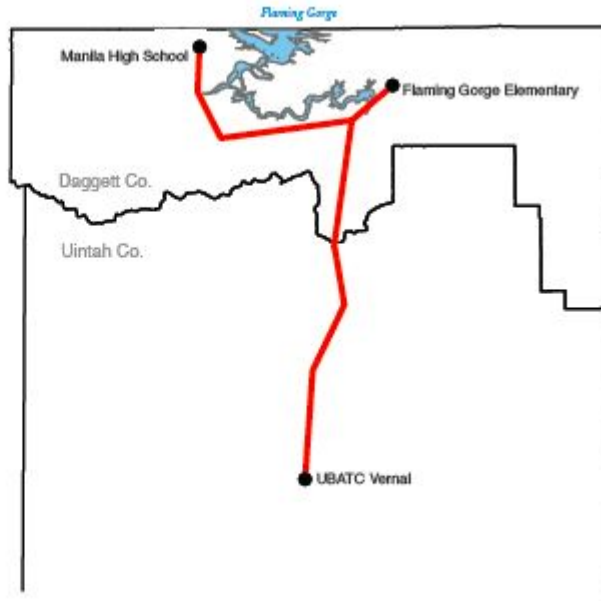
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Daggett Project

Daggett County Proposed Fiber

 GigabitEthernet Fiber





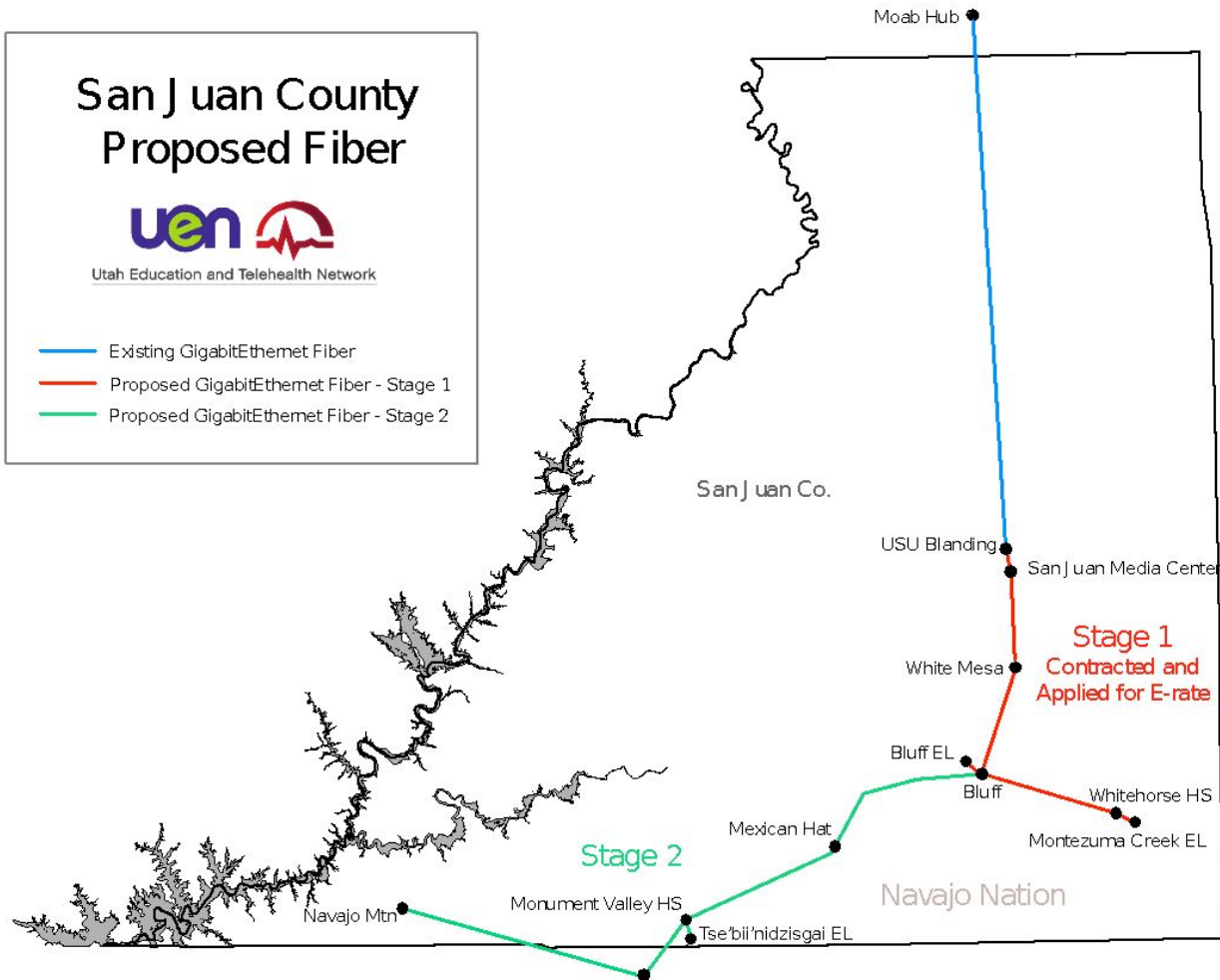


San Juan County Proposed Fiber



Utah Education and Telehealth Network

- Existing GigabitEthernet Fiber
- Proposed GigabitEthernet Fiber - Stage 1
- Proposed GigabitEthernet Fiber - Stage 2



NEW CIRCUITS AND SITES	CITY
Ascent Academy of Utah	<i>Saratoga Springs</i>
Centro De La Familia	<i>Clinton</i>
Desert Canyons Elementary	<i>St George</i>
Ellis Elementary (2)	<i>Logan</i>
Freedom Preparatory Academy	<i>St George</i>
Herriman School	<i>Herriman</i>
Horace Mann Elementary	<i>Ogden</i>
Micron Middle School (2)	<i>Lehi</i>
North Vineyard Elementary (2)	<i>Vineyard</i>
Northwest Community Center	<i>Salt Lake City</i>
Ogden Preparatory Academy	<i>Ogden</i>
Pioneer Adult Rehabilitation Center	<i>Clearfield</i>
Polk Elementary	<i>Ogden</i>
Redeemer Luther	<i>Salt Lake City</i>
South Jordan Elementary	<i>South Jordan</i>
South Saratoga Elementary (2)	<i>Saratoga Springs</i>
Spectrum Academy	<i>Salt Lake City</i>
State of Utah Capital Data Center	<i>Salt Lake City</i>
Thomas O Smith Elementary	<i>Ogden</i>
Wallace Stegner Academy	<i>West Valley</i>
Weber State University	<i>Clearfield</i>

Questions?

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Utah State Board of Education

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Broadband Access for K-12 families in Utah



- **Broadband is essential** for K-12 students to access remote learning
- Utah State Board of Education has issued a **K-12 Broadband/Hotspot Grant to provide up to \$5M** in awards to local districts and charter schools for the 2020-21 school year



Local Broadband Solutions for K-12

- Partnering with providers for **one-year wired broadband service** to K-12 households
- Providing **hotspots and devices** to students
- Piloting **LTE chromebooks** to students
- Prioritizing **technology education for families:**
 - Ability to connect to the internet
 - Understanding digital citizenship
 - Guidance on how to connect and engage in digital learning resources from the LEA





Broadband Needs in K-12 Education

- UETN provides broadband to our school buildings
- Remote and blended learning highlighted needs at the household level
- \$5M emergency broadband pilot for K-12 schools in fall 2020



Next Steps

- ❏ Increased resources to create flexible digital learning solutions for K-12 students
- ❏ Additional personalized teacher professional learning opportunities and broadband support
- ❏ Sustainability for digital learning beyond CARES relief funding
- ❏ Creation of a state broadband initiative that extends beyond K-12 to meet community needs



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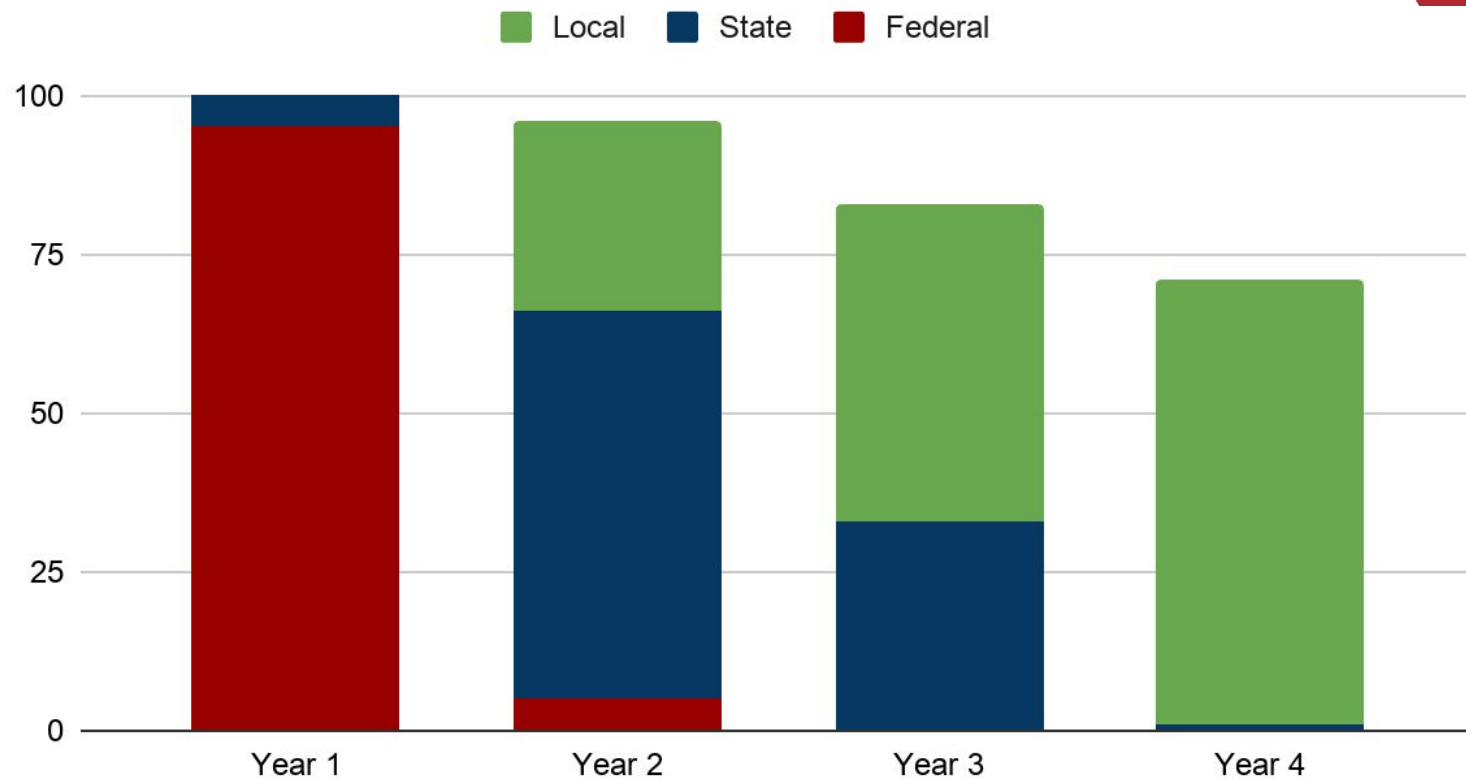




Broadband Devices Literacy



Library hotspot cost sharing



400%

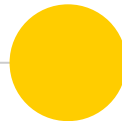
Return on Investment

Based on ~7k GB data use at \$96k est. value per month





“If the pandemic has proved anything, it’s that access to digital information... is so important to democracy, freedom of information, and education. [Digital access] programs should be at the forefront of every municipality, library, or educational institution.”





Utah Communities Connect

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Salt Lake County Regional Development

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Shauna Edson, Past-Chair

Member Organizations

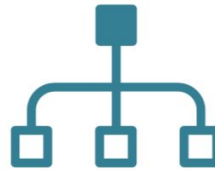
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Salt Lake City Corporation
SLCC Community Writing Center
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Utah Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Utah State Library Division



Components of Connection



Subscription



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Devices



Literacy



Technical Support



User Friendly Content



◆ Meaningful connectivity facilitates economic self-reliance, innovation, lifelong learning, healthy living, human connection, housing stability, and civic participation



Programming for Connection

Subscriptions:

Hotspot Checkout – Salt Lake County Library Services
Comcast Internet Essentials Partnership Program –
Millcreek City

Devices:

Refurbished Device Organizations – Tech Charities
Cooperative Purchasing Agreements – UETN

Digital Literacy Training:

Utah Rural Online Initiative – USU Extension
Young Adult Career Pathways – FutureInDesign (FIND)

Technical Support:

Tech Mentors Program – International Rescue Committee
CyberSeniors – EPIK Deliberate Digital
Digital Navigators – Salt Lake City Public Library;
Suazo Business Center

Content:

Web accessibility services & training –
WebAIM, USU Center for Persons with Disabilities



Definition of “Connectivity”

5653

Part 2. Utah Broadband Center

5654 **63N-16-201. Utah Broadband Center -- Creation -- Director -- Duties.**

5655 (1) There is created within the office the Utah Broadband Center.

5656 (2) The executive director shall appoint a director of the broadband center to oversee
5657 the operations of the broadband center.

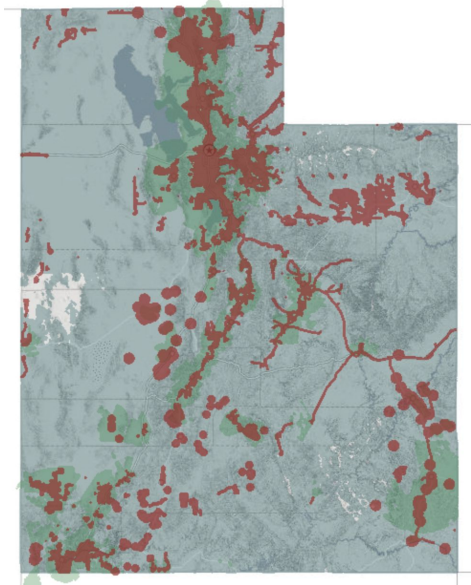
5658 (3) The broadband center shall:

5659 (a) ensure that publicly funded broadband projects continue to be publicly accessible
5660 and provide a public benefit;

5661 (b) develop a statewide digital connectivity plan;

5662 (c) carry out the duties described in Section [63N-16-202](#); and

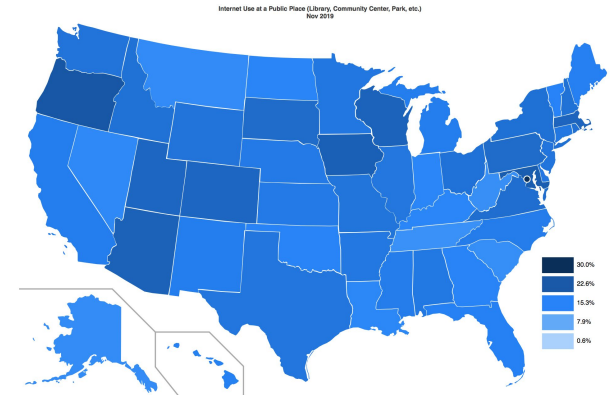
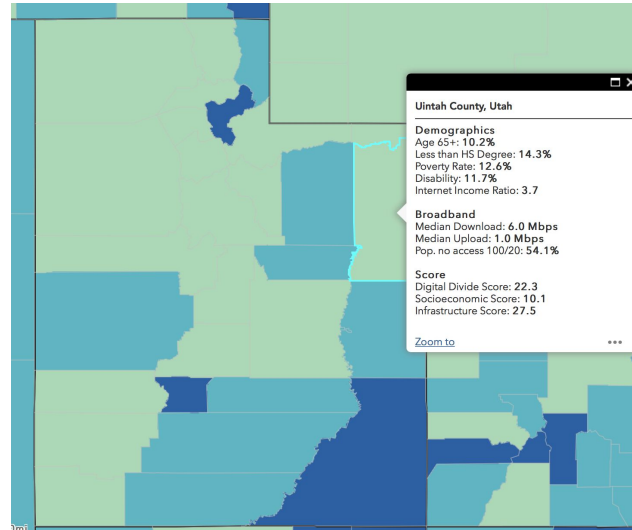
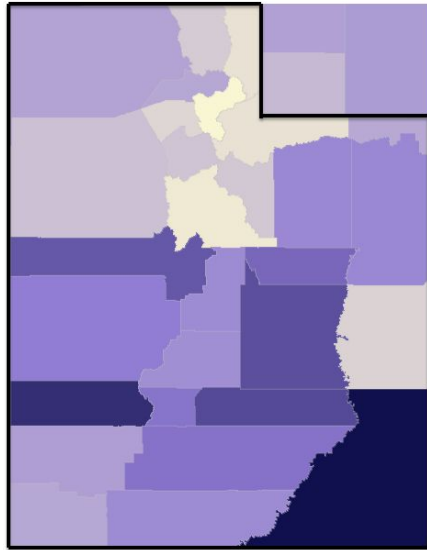
5663 (d) administer the Broadband Access Grant Program in accordance with Part 3,
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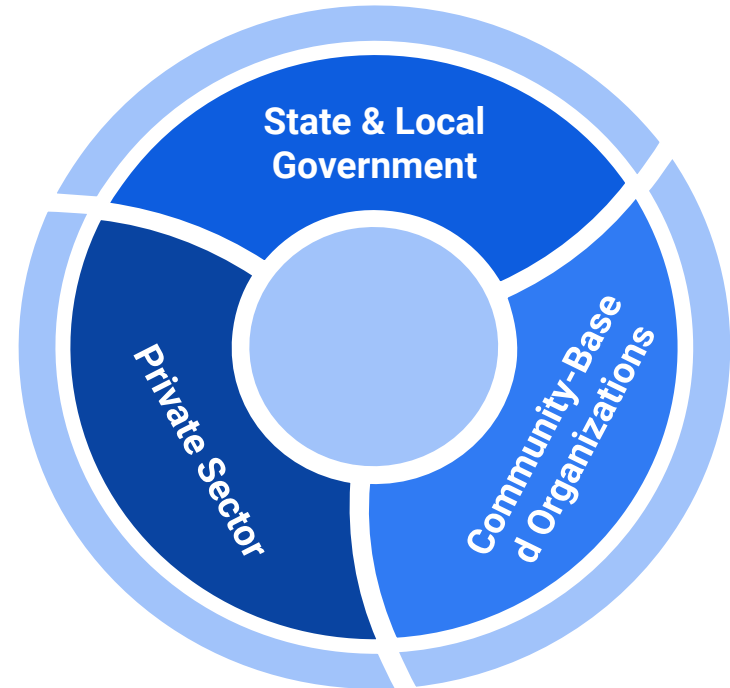




Role of Government in Access

Considerations:

- Maximizing ROI on Infrastructure Efforts
- Utilize Federal Funds for All Components
- Plan and prepare for needs beyond COVID-19
- Coordination between public and private sector





San Juan School District WiFi Project

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